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Polymeric Compositions  
Group Art Unit : Unassigned  
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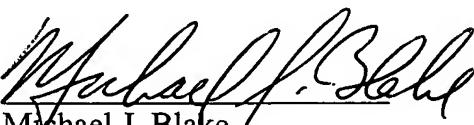
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<b>DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION</b>		Attorney Docket Number	70513
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<input type="checkbox"/> Declaration Submitted with Initial Filing	OR	Declaration Submitted after Initial Filing	Application Number
			09/320,002
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			Group Art Unit
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD FOR PREPARING LIGHT-ABSORBING POLYMERIC COMPOSITIONS**

(Title of Invention)

the specification of which

is attached hereto

OR

was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) 05/26/1999 as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number 09/320,002 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY)   (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 (a)-(d) or § 365 (b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365 (a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached? Yes	Certified Copy Attached? No
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U.S. Parent Application Number	PCT Parent Number	Parent Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Parent Patent Number (if applicable)
60/031,478		11/27/1996	
08/976,206		11/21/1997	

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